Infrastructure bottlenecks faced by airports

714. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on developing not only the airports in the metro cities but also in at least 35 non-metro cities using public-private partnership at Rs. 7000-8000 crores;

(b) whether Government are considering checking the infrastructure bottlenecks being faced at airports around the country;

(c) whether Planning Commission is considering relaxation of environmental clearance norms for these airports including complete exemption from environmental clearance for development, construction and expansion;

(d) if so, to what extent this will help in completing the projects; and

(e) whether Airports Authority of India has started developing these airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has decided to modernize 35 Non-Metro airports. A Task Force constituted to deliberate on financing plan for development of regional airports inter-alia recommended Rs. 4662 crores for development of airside and terminal building and Rs. 1500 crores for city-side development of the 35 Non-Metro airports.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Some development works are in progress at some of these airports.

Technical check-up of aircrafts

715. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights operating in the country which are owned by various companies, company-wise;

(b) whether the DGCA has any permanent arrangement for the regular technical check-ups for over all conditions of the flights; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) As on date, 1147 flights are being operated by Indian carriers on daily basis as per the details given below:

Air India-31, Indian Airlines-254, Air India Express-6, Alliance Air-11, Jet Airways-335, Sahara Airlines-1106, Air Deccan-229, Kingfisher Airlines-96, Spicejet-48, Go Air-21 and Paramount Airways-20.

(b) and (c) All the aircrafts are subjected to regular inspection as per the requirements of aircraft manufacturers contained in maintenance Planning Document. Such inspections include pre-flight inspection, transit inspection, daily inspection and higher maintenance inspections by aircraft maintenance engineers. All these inspections are approved for each type of aircraft and regular spot checks are carried out by DGCA officers to ensure the compliance.

In addition, surveillance checks are carried out for operators to ensure their capability and their adherence to the requirements.

Complaints against private airlines

716. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding functioning of private airlines, especially customer service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those airlines providing inadequate services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Complaints are received from passengers regarding missing/lost baggage, refund of tickets in case of delays/cancellations, denial of facilities like wheel chair, meals/snacks in case of delayed flights, etc.